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Claims:

1. A high voltage surge arrester comprising a plurality of serially connected arrester stages each of which comprises a plurality of electrically matched low voltage surge arresters connected in parallel, the low voltage surge arresters of each stage being connected together and to the surge arresters of the or each next adjacent stage by means of a multiple limbed mounting bracket having corona suppression means at the end of each limb.
2. A high voltage surge arrester as claimed in claim 1 wherein at the top of the surge arrester the corona suppression means comprises at least one corona suppression ring.
3. A high voltage surge arrester as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the corona suppression means at the ends of the limbs of the or each said mounting bracket supporting the ends of adjacent serial stages of the arrester comprise individual bodies associated each with a respective one of the limbs.
4. A high voltage surge arrester as claimed in any of the preceding claims which is adapted for station class operation and wherein the low voltage surge arresters are distribution class surge arresters.

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5. A high voltage surge arrester as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the low voltage surge arresters are polymer housed solid state surge arresters.

5 6. A high voltage surge arrester substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawing.